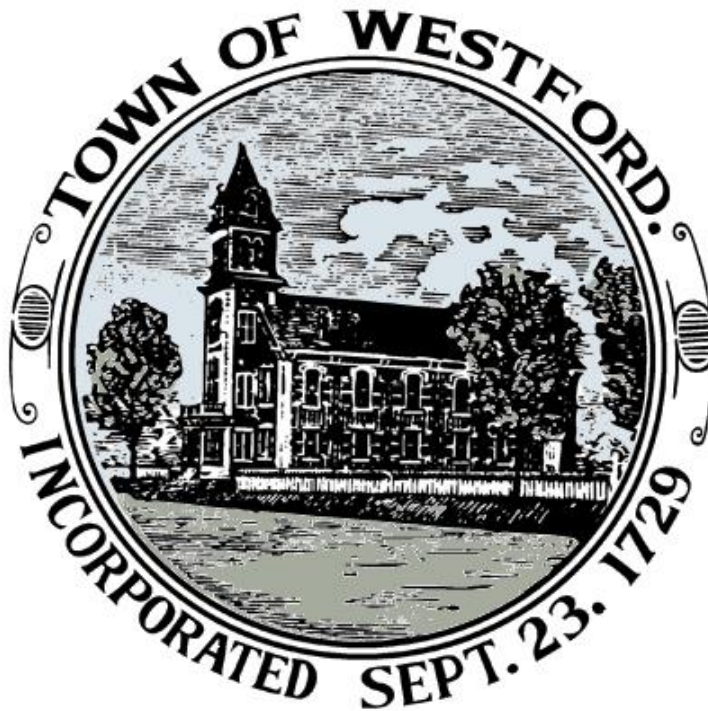


2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS



Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:30PM
Abbot School Gymnasium, 25 Depot Street

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FINANCIAL

ARTICLE 1: Approve Unpaid Bills from Previous Fiscal Year(s)

Town Manager

Motion: (9/10 Majority Vote Required)

That the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$9,938.87 (NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY SEVEN CENTS) to pay for unpaid bills of prior fiscal years from National Grid for services incurred by the 424 Street Lights Department in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 64.

Selectmen recommend (4-0) and Finance Committee recommends (7-0)

ARTICLE 2: Approve Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Adjustments

Town Manager

Motion: (Majority Vote Required)

That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,000 (ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS) in order to supplement the following Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budgets:

151 Legal Expenses	\$125,000
155 Technology Expenses	\$54,000

And further

That the Town reduce the following Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budgets by \$625,000 (SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) as follows:

300 Westford Public Schools	\$260,000
424 Street light Expenses	\$15,000
543 Veterans Services	\$20,000
710 Non-Excluded Debt Service	\$330,000

And further

That the Town reduce the Water Enterprise Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Expense Budget by the sum of \$20,000 (TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS).

Selectmen recommend (4-0) and Finance Committee recommends (7-0)

ARTICLE 3: Approve Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Transfers

Town Manager

Motion: (Majority Vote Required)

That the Town dismiss this article as there not any transfers needed at this time.

Selectmen recommend dismissal (4-0)

ARTICLE 4: Appropriate to the Stabilization Fund

Town Manager

Motion: (2/3 Vote Required)

That the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000,000 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS) to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund, established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

Selectmen recommend (4-0) and Finance Committee recommends (7-0)

ARTICLE 5: Purchase Two Storage Trailers for Emergency Shelters and Emergency Response Supplies

Board of Health

Motion: (Majority Vote Required)

That the Town dismiss this article as grant funding was acquired for this purchase.

Selectmen recommend dismissal (4-0)

ARTICLE 6: Reduce Amount Raised by Taxes in Fiscal Year 2016

Board of Selectmen

Motion: (Majority Vote Required)

That the Town transfer the following available funds to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxes for Fiscal Year 2016;

\$ 36,662.66	From Fund Balance Designated for Debt Exclusion Reduction
\$ 50,000.00	From Ambulance Enterprise Retained Earnings

Selectmen recommend (4-0) and Finance Committee recommends (7-0)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS

ARTICLE 7: Approve Community Preservation Committee Recommendations

Community Preservation Committee

Motion: (Majority Vote Required)

That the Town, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, or any other enabling authority, in accordance with the recommendations of the Westford Community Preservation Committee, appropriate from Community Preservation Funds the sum \$378,250 (THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS) as follows:

\$378,250	From Undesignated Fund Balance	12 North Main Street Task Force
	For historic preservation or rehabilitation purposes in connection with the 12 North Main Street Stabilization Phase 1 project and any other related costs, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a historical preservation restriction on the property.	

Selectmen recommend (4-0) and Finance Committee recommends (6-1)

CITIZENS' PETITION

ARTICLE 8: ADA Compliant Sidewalks on a Portion of Main Street

Citizens' Petition

Motion: *(Majority Vote Required)*

To see if the Town will vote to incorporate five foot (5') wide sidewalks, compliant with the American With Disabilities Act, along one side of Main Street for the entire length of Main Street between Depot Street and Tadmuck Road while the Town is fixing Main Street water main, or act in relation thereto.

Selectmen do not recommend (3-1) and Finance Committee does not recommend (4-1-2)

LAND USE

ARTICLE 9: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Accept Easement on Depot Street

Board of Selectmen

Motion: *(Majority Vote Required)*

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement, for general municipal purposes, including, but not limited to, for the site of the Westford Knight carving and related signage and enhancements, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, upon a portion of the property located at 17 Depot Street, Westford, being Map 26, Lot 88, described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds In Book 23235, Page 268, all as shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this Article.

Selectmen recommend (4-0)

ARTICLE 10: Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Acquire by Gift a Vacant Parcel of Land Located off of 64 Main Street and Transfer Said Parcel From the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission

Board of Selectmen

Motion: *(2/3 Majority Vote Required)*

That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift from David A. Guthrie and Christopher H. Finneral, for general municipal purposes, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, a vacant parcel of land shown as Parcel A on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land 64 Main Street, Westford, MA," prepared by ALAN Engineering, L.L.C., which plan is recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 240, Plan 9, said parcel containing 19.485 acres, more or less; and, the Board of Selectmen having determined that said property is surplus, that the Town further vote to transfer the care, control and custody of said property from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission, to be held pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 8C, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents and instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this Article.

Selectmen recommend (4-0)

STREET ACCEPTANCE

ARTICLE 11: Accept Aldrich Lane as Public Way

Board of Selectmen

Motion: *(Majority Vote Required)*

That the Town accept the layout of Aldrich Lane, as shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Aldrich Lane Westford, MA," dated December 1, 2014, prepared by ALAN Engineering, L.L.C., said plan on file with the Town Clerk, as a Town public way pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82.

Selectmen recommend (4-0), Finance Committee recommends (7-0), and Planning Board recommends (4-0)